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"5. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Robert Horner, Chief Investigator, House Internal Security Committee, called and asked if we had any knowledge of the public nature of two documents the Committee had received from State on the World Assembly for Peace and Independence of the People of Indochina, explaining that State had not been able to give them an answer. The documents were a list of the 140 U. S. citizen attendees at the Assembly and a ten-page paper titled "Changing Conditions" which outlined a program for the Republican presidential convention at San Diego. I reminded Mr. Horner that we were not involved in internal security matters and that whatever information we would have would be passed on to the responsible Federal agency, but that I would check for him in view of the press of time. Later, based on advice of the [redacted] I told him that the listing of U. S. citizens was a handout at the Assembly but that we had no information on the other paper.

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"9. (Unclassified - PLC) The Special Subcommittee on Intelligence of the House Armed Services Committee, chaired by Representative Nedzi, continued its hearings on H. R. 9853 concerning the classification and protection of information. The witness was Ralph Erickson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice. Mr. Erickson traced the legal basis for the authority of the Executive to classify. He maintained the position that this is a matter for the Executive rather than the Legislature. He hoped that the new Executive Order would resolve most of the problems presently faced. He considered the role of Congress to be one of exercising oversight and urging that the Congress monitor carefully the implementation of the new Order. He related the position of the Justice Department that H. R. 9853 was unnecessary and duplicative of the efforts to be taken in the areas of classification and release of information. Mr. Erickson acknowledged the discrepancy within the existing criminal laws to protect against unauthorized disclosures and stated that specific proposals are under consideration by the Administration and should be submitted to the Congress in the near future. Mr. Buzhardt, General Counsel, Department of Defense, will continue testimony tomorrow on those actions within DOD to implement the new Executive Order.

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"12. (Unclassified - JMM) Called Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services, to see if he could speak to our Advanced Intelligence Seminar next month. He begged off on the grounds of his heavy schedule, but said he would like to do it some day when he could find the time.

I asked Mr. Nedzi about plans for the Director's appearance to discuss security and classification matters before his Subcommittee, but he said there was nothing firm at this time since they were still conducting open hearings.

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"2. (Secret - JGO) Received a call from [REDACTED] who told me that he has reviewed the Kirchheimer paper on classification of information in open society and recommends that the Agency maintain a low profile and not comment on the paper. He further recommended that there be no meeting with Mr. Kirchheimer on this subject. [REDACTED] has been advised. See Journal of 9 March 1972.

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Wednesday - 15 March 1972

"11. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mrs. Dora McCracken, Staff Assistant, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and received a copy of the conference report to accompany S. 18, concerning grants to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Mrs. McCracken told me that the Committee staff as yet has heard nothing further concerning the alleged report on dope in Thailand which according to Jack Anderson is to be filed with the Committee by Representative Lester L. Wolff (D., N.Y.).

"15. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Richard Barton, Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that although the Hanley bill, H. R. 11150, for the protection of the rights of Federal employees, is on the agenda of the full Committee tomorrow, he does not expect that it will be considered during the meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the full Committee for consideration of agenda matters will be four weeks hence. He noted that Chairman Mahon's letter to Chairman Dulski had been received and will be brought to the attention of the members if needed to defend the full exemption for the Agency which is presently set forth in the bill."

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